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SUBJECT: CABINET DISCUSSION OF ASW AIRCRAFT INCONCLUSIVE

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1. MOD SOURCES HAVE TOLD US THAT THE CABINET DISCUSSION
JUNE 16 OF THE REPLACEMENT FOR NETHERLANDS ASW PATROL
AIRCRAFT RESULTED IN THE DEFINITE ELIMINATION OF THE
BRITISH NIMROD. THE CHOICE HAS NOW FORMALLY BEEN
NARROWED TO THE FRENCH ATLANTIQUE AND THE U.S. LOCKHEED
P-3C. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT "THE CABINET DECIDED THAT
A FIRM ORDER WILL BE PLACED THIS YEAR AND THAT NEGOT-
IATIONS WILL CONTINUE WITH THE FRENCH AND U.S. AUTHOR-
ITIES."

2. THUS, IT APPEARS THE CHANCES FOR A P-3C SALE ARE
SOMEWHAT BRIGHTER THAN REPORTED IN REFTEL.
NETHERLANDS OFFICIALS ARE STILL TROUBLED BY THE LACK
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OF SPECIFIC ORDERS FROM THE FRENCH FOR OFFSET PRO-
DUCTION AND BY THE FACT THAT THE ATLANTIQUE COULD
NOT BE DELIVERED BEFORE THE MID-EIGHTIES. THOSE
TWO FACTORS, PLUS THE FACT THAT MOD OFFICIALS MADE
A POINT OF INFORMING US OF THE CABINET'S DISCUSSION,
LEAD US TO CONCLUDE THAT THE ORION IS STILL IN THE
RUNNING.

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